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# Education Update

## Education and Training Manager, Ken Richardson, highlights the forthcoming education opportunities in 2005.

Sami and Ken wish all of you a very happy new year and hope that you will make your resolution to use any opportunity to expand your skills and knowledge.

The first opportunity is at Harrogate, later this month, followed by the Golf Industry Show and Conference in Orlando. This is quickly followed by the Scottish Conference, the North West Seminar, the South Coast Seminar, Regional Training Courses and by BITMC.

### Continue to Learn 2005

**Sunday January 16** starts a very busy week at Harrogate when three two day Workshops, supported by the GTC and by the John Deere Team Championship, commence in the Majestic Hotel.

The Grass Roots Level, Learn the Process of Effective Communication and Negotiation and the Golf Course Design Workshops are almost full but you may be able to book your place if you contact Sami.

**Monday January 17** sees the continuation of the two day Workshops, the start of the one day Workshops and start of the AGCS Seminars. The one day Workshops, also supported by the GTC and the John Deere Team Championship, are almost full but, again, you may be able to book a place by contacting Sami. The one day Workshops are, The Principles of Irrigation and Course Preparation Techniques at the Professional Tour Level. The AGCS Seminars will be held in Hall D of the Harrogate International Centre. Contact the AGCS on 01934 641166 for more details.

**Tuesday January 18** is another busy day. BTME & ClubHouse Seminars, supported by the GTC, begin in Hall D, BTME & ClubHouse opens its doors and a Master Greenkeeper Tutorial takes place in the Restaurant of Hall D. Golf Club Managers are catered for when ClubHouse seminars take place on Tuesday afternoon in Hall D. All Seminar sessions have places available and may be booked by calling at Stand Q8.

**Wednesday January 19** is a special day for BIGGA, for our President Sir Michael Bonallack OBE, for three new Master Greenkeepers and for the winners of prizes in this year's Environment Competition, sponsored by Scotts Professional UK, Syngenta Professional Products and Wrap.

Sir Michael will receive the BIGGA Lifetime Achievement Award. Ken Ingram will travel from the US to join Stuart Hogg and Les Howkins to receive their Master Greenkeeper jackets and plaques.

Minchinhampton Golf Club is the winner of the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition, supported by Scotts UK Professional, Syngenta Professional Products and by Wrap.

They will be awarded the Environment Trophy, a cheque for £2000 and a Scotts Weather Station, with Hankley Common Golf Club winning the runners-up prize of £500. Regional Winners, Brighthouse Bay, Fulford Golf Club, Garnant Golf Club, Hollinwell Golf Club and Thorpeness Golf Club all win a cheque for £500. Prizes will also be awarded to Bath Golf Club (Best use of

recycled products), Taunton and Pickeridge Golf Club (Best Initiative) and Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club (Best newcomer).

Our Key Note Speaker then takes the stage. Lesley Everett is an expert in personal branding. She will use her experience to tell us all what we should be doing to ensure that we are projecting the right image.

Lesley is closely followed by our next series of Seminar Sessions that look at the environmental impact of golf courses. Don't forget the Annual General Meeting takes place in Hall D at 5.15pm.

Our final day of seminars starts at 10.45 on Thursday January 20, again in Hall D. An early finish at 1.30 will enable delegates to make a final visit to BTME & ClubHouse before the Exhibition Banquet.

The BIGGA Careers Fair, sponsored by TORO, will be running for all three days of the Exhibition in Hall Q. Brin and Frank will be there to give advice and guidance on how to get that elusive job and how to negotiate your salary package. Many jobs will be advertised on the 'Job Wall' alongside the Careers Clinic.

The OnCourse Management Package will be demonstrated throughout the Exhibition on the BIGGA Stand, in Hall Q, and you can order your copy at the reduced price of £600.

### BITMC

You should have received your copy of the BITMC programme in the December Edition of Greenkeeper International.

BITMC, supported by Syngenta Professional and by the John Deere Team Championship, will be held at the Staverton Park Conference Centre, Daventry. Staverton is in the heart of the country with easy access from the M6, M1, M42 and M40. Birmingham International Railway Station and Birmingham Airport are 20 minutes away.

Places on this are high - level managers conference are strictly limited so if you want to go make sure that your application is in the post.

### The Golf Industry Show

Lovers of Mickey Mouse should be thrilled to know that the Golf Industry Show, organised by the GCSAA, will be held in Orlando in February. The Golf Industry Show is similar to BTME & ClubHouse but on a much larger scale.

### North West Seminar

The North West Section Seminar will be held at Mere Golf Club on February 22. Full details may be obtained from Bert Cross.

### South Coast Seminar

The South Coast Seminar will be held once again at Canford Magna Golf Club on February 24. Full details can be obtained from Alex McCombie.

### Scottish Conference

The Scottish Conference will be held at Lauder College in Dunfermline on Tuesday March 1. Full details can be obtained from Peter Boyd.